

Thomas N. Shaheen, Executive Director

Thomas N. Shaheen was announced as the first Executive Director for the North Carolina Education Lottery on November 17, 2005.

Shaheen was previously the Chief Executive Officer of the New Mexico Lottery Authority. During his tenure in New Mexico, total lottery revenues increased 40 percent and the return to education increased 55 percent. Before arriving in North Carolina, he spent 18 years with some of the most successful lotteries in the U.S.: Florida, Texas, Georgia and New Mexico. He began as a Sales Representative with the Florida Lottery and was eventually promoted to District Manager. From there he joined the Texas Lottery as Field Service Supervisor and later became the Marketing Operations Assistant Manager. In 1993, he was hired by the Georgia Lottery Corporation as Vice President of Sales. During his tenure he was promoted to Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing, then Executive Vice President. On March 20, 2000, he was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the New Mexico Lottery Authority where he served before being appointed to his most recent position in North Carolina.



In 2005, Shaheen served as the President of the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL). He previously served as Chairman of the NASPL Standards Initiative Committee. While with the New Mexico Lottery, he served as Vice-Chairman of Powerball and Secretary of the Multi-State Lottery Association.

Including his time in the lottery industry, Shaheen has more than 25 years of management experience. He is a 1975 graduate of Wayne State University with a degree in Business Administration.